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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Smith et al.

Application No: 09/747,660

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For: WAFER BACKSIDE PLATE FOR USE IN A  
SPIN, RINSE, AND DRY MODULE AND  
METHODS FOR MAKING AND IMPLEMENTING  
THE SAME

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UNDER 37 CFR §§1.56 AND 1.97(c)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

The references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449, copies of which are attached, may be material to examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicants submit these references in compliance with their duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97. The Examiner is requested to make these references of official record in this application.

The Applicants further advise the Examiner that co-pending application 09/747,660 filed on December 22, 2000, and entitled "CHUCK ASSEMBLY FOR USE IN A SPIN, RINSE, AND DRY MODULE AND METHODS FOR MAKING AND IMPLEMENTING THE SAME", a copy of which is enclosed, is related to the above-identified patent application, and may be material to its examination.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of the above-referenced application. Accordingly, it is believed that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, if it is determined that any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 50-0805 (Order No. LAM2P216).

Respectfully submitted,  
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